



The last Dying Speech, Confession, Behaviour, Birth, Parentage and Education of

THOMAS PAINE,

Late Member of the French National Assembly, who was Executed on the Parade Plymouth, for High Treason, on Saturday the 8th December 1792, and afterwards publicly Burnt by the common Hangmen.

THOMAS PAINE, was Born of Poor but honest Parents, at Thetford, who gave him as good an Education as their Circumstances could afford, he early testified a vicious Disposition, and was addicted to pilfering from his School Fellows, robbing Orchards, and other petty offences of a similar nature. As he grew up the same wicked disposition ripened with his Years; after his Apprenticeship to a Stay-maker was expired, he was appointed an Excise-Man, but broke for defrauding the Revenue. Subsequent to this, he was employed by the American States, but dismissed for his old Trade of Peculation; since that he has been publishing Seditious and Treasonable Pamphlets in this Kingdom, (*tho' thank God without effect*) to alienate the minds of his Majesty's liege Subjects, and make them disaffected to his Person and Government. For this last offence he was tried and found Guilty at the King and Constitutional Society, held at the Ship Tavern, by Adjournment, on Saturday the 8th of December, and ordered for immediate Execution. Before he was turned off, he testified sincere repentance for his manifold Crimes, and particularly for that which had brought him to his untimely End.—He cautioned the numerous Spectators assembled on this awful Occasion of the fatal Consequences of ever cherishing in their Minds Sentiments of Disloyalty, towards their King and Country.

He was executed at Two o'Clock in the Afternoon, and after hanging the usual Time, his Remains were consigned to the Flames, with this Exclamation from Thousands of Spectators; "*May every Traitor to his King and Country thus perish.*"

He was dressed in a full trimmed Suit of Black Cloaths, Weepers, and Ruffles, with a Democratic Cockade in his Hat, and his Deportment was decent and orderly.

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